# Lindsay Reminded of N.Y. Injustice

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Excerpts from personal mail to and from a lot of people:

Mayor John Lindsay, New York City—Though you had nothing to do with it, I am sure you will want to know the facts in order to rectify a serious injustice. Living in your city is Isidore Zimmerman, who was inhumanely incarcerated in New York jails for 24 years, part of the time in Death Row, after his 1938 conviction for conspiracy to murder in the slaying of a policeman during a holdup of an all-night gambling joint. He was finally released when the full facts became known.

Despite this, Judge Matthew Levy of the New York State Supreme Court, when called upon to set a trial date for Zimmerman's case against New York State for the recovery of damages, postponed the case further. It has now been dragging on for four years.

Twenty-four years is a long time to take out of a man's life in the first place. Four years is much too long to delay a restitution trial in the second place.

Meanwhile Zimmerman has been able to get only sporadic work. He has already suffered enough. You, as a humane mayor of New York City, might see what you can do to expedite his case and rectify an injustice.

New York courts can be humane or they can be boss-ridden. It looks as if the wrong bosses were now riding them.

Esther H. Simmons, Los Angeles, Calif.—It was merely a coincidence that Lt. Jerry Nugent was shipped home from Vietnam five weeks after his brother, Pat, married the President's daughter. The Lieutenant had completed his 12 months in Vietnam and was eligible to return.

Before the wedding, however, the President spent the taxpayers' money to film a personal message from Lt. Nugent in Vietnam. The film was rushed to the White House where the President showed it to the Nugents in his private projection room.

Pfc. Robert Mackey, First Cavalry Division, Vietnam—The Defense Department, following up our expose of GI gyps, has ordered a "full investigation" of automobile abuses. Servicemen who have lost money on shady auto transactions can also get free advice from their legal officer.

Ira Johnson, Milwaukee—The Allen-Bradley Corp., which buys the back page of the John Birch Society's magazine each month, may consider President Johnson pro-Communist but doesn't let this interfere with business. The company sells electronic equipment to the Federal Government, then uses the profits to promote right-wing causes. At last report, Fred Loock, the company president, was a power in the Birch Society and a member of its national finance committee.

Alice Ginn, Decatur, Ga.—Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.,) the Harlem globetrotter, didn't have the worst attendance record in Congress, though he missed five out of 10 key votes. Rep. James Martin (R-Ala.) campaigning for Governor of Alabama, and Rep. James Morrison (D-La.,) campaigning for reelection in Louisiana, missed eight out of 10. Rep. Phil Landrum (D-Ga.,) and Rep. Ed Willis (D-La.,) who also faced tough primaries, missed seven of 10. Others with even worse records were absent because of illness. They included Herman Toll (D-Pa.,) Ralph Scott (D-N.C.,) Tom Murray (D-Tenn.,) Carleton King (R-N.Y.,) and Joe Martin (R-Mass.).

Rep. William Ayres, Akron, Ohio—The fact that you have induced Rep. Adam Clayton Powell of Harlem, chairman of the Education and Labor Committee, to allocate taxpayers' funds to pay for a purely political attack on the Antipoverty Program, makes the facts even worse than those which we reported. It also explains the fact that you were the one member of the Committee who championed Chairman Powell when he was being criticized by other members of the Education and Labor Committee.

Chairman Powell has been able to use Antipoverty funds extensively in Harlem so it seems ironic that he would allow some of his committee funds to be diverted to you to attack Antipoverty. However, in view of the fact that you championed Powell when all members of your Committee stripped him of his autocratic power makes this irony understandable.

Pete Nielson, Malad City, Idaho—It might be possible to grow crops on the moon in special greenhouses which would be needed to protect the plants from the severe temperatures (234 above at high noon to 234 below at midnight). Lunar explorers will bring back soil samples which will be tested for fertility.

Esther Stein, Philadelphia—You are right that industrial pollution contaminates our environment worse than does auto fumes. It would cost an estimated $100 million a year just to control the pollution from the Nation's pulp and paper mills. Management claims it can't show a profit from making our air and water purer, so the air-breathing and water-drinking public show a deficit.

William Curtis, Palm Beach, Fla.—Admirers of Sen. William Fulbright (D-Ark.,) pushed him for the Nobel peace prize. He didn't lobby for the honor himself. It was a pure coincidence that he happened to be lecturing in Sweden about the time that the Nobel prize committee was considering candidates in next-door Norway.

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